

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/HU 02/00147

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, Pages

1-11 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-9 as originally filed

Drawings, Sheets

1/8-8/8 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- contained in the international application in written form.
- filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages:
- the claims, Nos.:
- the drawings, sheets:

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5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)).

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-9
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-9
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-9
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

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Re Item V

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Reference is made to document JP-A-10099236 (D1).

Document D1 is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claim 1 and shows a collapsible toilet made of sheet material, the toilet comprising side walls 1-4 connected to each other at their lateral edges and defining an inner space of the toilet, a seat surface 21,31,41 arranged at the upper edges of the side walls 1-4, and fold-lines for collapsing the toilet, the collapsible toilet comprising two opposite holding side walls 2,4 having top edges to which two edges of the seat surface 21,31,41 are joined respectively along respective fold lines 3a,4a, and supporting side walls 1,2 connecting the holding side walls 2,4.

The subject-matter of claim 1 differs from this known from document D1 in that:

- the seat surface of the invention is annular when the seat surface known from D1 extends only on three sides of the toilet,
- both side walls connecting the holding side walls of the toilet of the invention have each an upper edge forming a supporting periphery that supports seat surface when in the toilet known from D1 only one of the side walls connecting the holding side walls supports the seat surface, and
- in the seat surface a fold line is arranged at an equal distance from the top edges of the holding side walls, said fold-line enabling folding the seat surface into an inner space when the holding side walls are moved towards each other.

There is a combinatory effect between these features.

Therefore, the subject-matter of claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-9 meets the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and inventive step.